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SUBJ: ECE - MEETING OF GROUP OF EXPERTS ON MECHANIZATION
AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPTEMBER 6-9

1. PLEASE CONTACT ECE SECRETARIAT REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUBJECT MEETING, PARTICULARLY TO INVITE ECE SECRETARIAT MEMBERS TO ATTEND AT THE EXPENSE OF THE US GOVERNMENT, AS IS CUSTOMARY; UNDERSTAND THREE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN PAST MEETINGS OF THIS GROUP. PLEASE CLARIFY THAT WE PREFER THEY TRAVEL INITIALLY AT ECE EXPENSE AND CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR TRAVEL, THAT TRAVEL SHOULD BE PERFORMED UNDER THEIR OWN APPLICABLE REGULATIONS AND THEY SHOULD RECEIVE FULL PER DIEM TO COVER HOTEL AND MEAL COSTS.

2. WE ASSUME SECRETARIAT MEMBERS WOULD PLAN ARRIVE SEPTEMBER 4 IN ORDER TO MEET ON SEPTEMBER 5 WITH THOSE RESPONSIBLE HERE FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS. SINCE THE 5TH IS A HOLIDAY, WE PRESENTLY ARE PLANNING TO HAVE AVAILABLE
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FOR THIS MEETING MAX WITCHER, AGRICULTURE; PROFESSOR MACKSON, MICHIGAN STATE; OIC ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (SUZANNE WOCHOS) AND DOCUMENTS OFFICER (MILDRED CARTER).
PLEASE DETERMINE

WHETHER ANY SUPPORT STAFF WILL BE NEEDED SO ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE.

3. WE ARE OF THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SUMMARY RECORDS, CONSISTING OF 3-5 PAGES, WILL BE TRANSLATED ON A DAILY BASIS AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH PLENARY SESSION AND THAT REPORT WILL CONSIST OF NOT MORE THAN 7 PAGES BUT NEED CLARIFICATION AS TO WHEN ACTUAL DRAFTING OF REPORT WILL BEGIN.

4. SUGGEST ECE INFORM MEMBERS REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN 0830 HOURS SEPTEMBER 6 IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SUITE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. ENTRANCE AT 2201 C STREET, NORTHWEST SHOULD BE USED SO ENTRY TO THE BUILDING CAN BE FACILITATED.

5. WE ARE OBTAINING NAMES OF THOSE REGISTERED FOR STUDY TOUR IN ORDER TO PREPARE A PRELIMINARY LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE MEETING AND PREPARE IN ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORMS AND BUILDING PASSES. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF NAMES/TITLES/COUNTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVED BY ECE FOR STUDY TOUR AFTER JULY 1 COULD BE TRANSMITTED BY CABLE TO OIC. ALSO NEED NAMES/TITLES/COUNTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS AVAILABLE AT ECE OF ANY NOT PARTICIPATING IN STUDY TOUR.

6. PLEASE INFORM SECRETARIAT THAT THE UN FLAG AND NAME PLATES ARE AVAILABLE HERE. VANCE
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